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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: SHEET-PROCESSING APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of seventy-nine (79) pages
- Twenty-eight (28) sheet(s) formal drawings
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-050630; 2003-178208; and 2003-198303 filed in Japan on February 27, 2003; June 23, 2003; and July 17, 2003, respectively.
 - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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- Executed Declaration (Original Photocopy)



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- An assignment of the invention
- Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- Other:
- Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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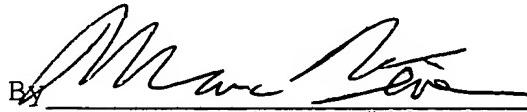
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